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Sent: 9/23/2020 6:56:07 PM
To: Boydston, Michael [Boydston.Michael@epa.gov]; Chin, Lucita [Chin.Lucita@epa.gov]
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From: Denawa, Mai
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Boydston, Michael <Boydston.Michael@epa.gov>; Chin, Lucita <Chin.Lucita@epa.gov>
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From: Boydston, Michael <Boydston.Michael@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Chin, Lucita <Chin.Lucita@epa.gov>; Denawa, Mai <Denawa.Mai@epa.gov>
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From: Chin, Lucita <Chin.Lucita@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 12:16 PM
To: Boydston, Michael <Boydston.Michael@epa.gov>; Denawa, Mai <Denawa.Mai@epa.gov>
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From: Boydston, Michael <Boydston.Michael@epa.gov>

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To: Denawa, Mai <Denawa.Mai@epa.gov>; Chin, Lucita <Chin.Lucita@epa.gov>

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Hi Mai and Lucita –

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From: Perkins, Erin <Perkins.Erin@epa.gov>

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Cc: Robinson, Valois <Robinson.Valois@epa.gov>; Volk, Everett <volk.everett@epa.gov>; McCoy, Melissa <mccoy.melissa@epa.gov>

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Hi all –

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Thanks,
Erin

From: Denawa, Mai <Denawa.Mai@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Chin, Lucita <Chin.Lucita@epa.gov>; Boydston, Michael <Boydston.Michael@epa.gov>; Perkins, Erin <Perkins.Erin@epa.gov>
Cc: Robinson, Valois <Robinson.Valois@epa.gov>; Volk, Everett <volk.everett@epa.gov>
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+ Everett-

Ok sounds good thanks! I just sent an invite for tomorrow morning so we can start fresh! 😊—Erin please disregard the invite if email works better for you.

From: Chin, Lucita <Chin.Lucita@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Denawa, Mai <Denawa.Mai@epa.gov>; Boydston, Michael <Boydston.Michael@epa.gov>; Perkins, Erin <Perkins.Erin@epa.gov>
Cc: Robinson, Valois <Robinson.Valois@epa.gov>
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I think we can just get Erin's input about the NEPA question outside of the meeting. Erin, just go ahead and email us any input. Thank you!

Tomorrow works fine. 4pm works too if you guys want to meet then.

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From: Denawa, Mai <Denawa.Mai@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 8:45 AM
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Thanks Lucita. It looks like 4pm might be the earliest availability for everyone today—but Lucita I know that is past your working hours and Mike, it looks like you have a conflict at that time? It looks

like Erin has a conflict at that time too. If so, I can look for more times but it might have to be tomorrow.

Erin, we are grappling with the cultural resources comment –please see the question that Lucita raises below. Could you please shed some light on that question?

Thanks!

From: Chin, Lucita <Chin.Lucita@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 7:40 AM
To: Denawa, Mai <Denawa.Mai@epa.gov>; Boydston, Michael <Boydston.Michael@epa.gov>
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If you guys have some time to talk this afternoon, maybe we can schedule a short meeting to discuss an approach.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:52 AM
To: Boydston, Michael <Boydston.Michael@epa.gov>
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From: Boydston, Michael <Boydston.Michael@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 1:53 PM

To: Denawa, Mai <Denawa.Mai@epa.gov>

Cc: Chin, Lucita <Chin.Lucita@epa.gov>

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From: Denawa, Mai <Denawa.Mai@epa.gov>

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Thanks Mike for drafting a response! Meeting on Tuesday sounds fine—sorry I had missed that but see it in my calendar now.

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14.3 Tribal Concerns about Impacts to Vegetation

During EPA's tribal consultation activities, several tribes expressed concerns about impacts to ceremonial and medicinal plants. The concerns were related to proper identification of ceremonial and medicinal plants, documentation of locations in areas where the plants may be disturbed and the reclamation of the plants upon decommissioning of the project site.

The NRC GEIS noted that tribal populations in the Great Plains still engage in hunting and wild plant gathering. Herbs gathered for subsistence, medicinal and ritual/ceremonial uses remain important to maintaining traditional cultural practices. Traditional use areas claimed by the tribes are places in which traditional subsistence practices and the procurement of animals and plants for ritual, ceremonial, medicinal and other traditional needs should be considered in assessing impacts from ISR operations.

Climate Change Impacts in the United States, Chapter 19, Great Plains notes that tribal members have reported the decline or disappearance of culturally important animal species, changes in the timing of cultural ceremonies due to earlier onset of spring, and the inability to locate certain types of ceremonial wild plants due to climate change impacts. For this reason, it is important to take into account impacts to ceremonial and medicinal plants. As discussed in Chapter 19, climate change impacts in the northern Great Plains include projected increases in winter and spring precipitation, which should be favorable to vegetation.

From: Boydston, Michael <Boydston.Michael@epa.gov>

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Hi Mike, I didn't see an ORC mtg invite for Thursday, per the follow-up we talked about earlier. Should I sent an invite out for Thursday still? And then once we have a path forward, should we respond or meet with Corbin? Open to your preference.

From: Darling, Corbin <Darling.Corbin@epa.gov>
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Hi Mike, Mai, and Valois,

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